

Broadwater Beacon

Aghalee Parish News
Summer 2023



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From the Registers Christian Burial

28th Dec Elizabeth (Lily) Georgina McDonald
26th Feb Samuel James (Jim) McLorn

*We offer our sincere condolences
and prayerful sympathy to all who mourn
the loss of a loved one.*



- Thurs 15th June
- coffee @ Hillsborough Castle restaurant
- meet at church car park 10am
- All ladies welcome

Christian Aid **We believe in life before death**

Thank you to everyone who donated generously to our Christian Aid appeal. If you missed it - its never too late; donations can be passed on to Joy Frazer.



We were delighted recently to welcome back
Canon Simon & Mrs Heidi Doogan.



The Diocesan Bible Week 2023 will run from 29 August to 1 September in Willowfield Church and the speaker will be Revd Greg Downes. Greg is a full-time evangelist and before that he was Director of Ministerial Training and Dean of the Wesley Centre for Missional Engagement at Wycliffe Hall Oxford. Our annual Bible Week is an opportunity for worship, teaching and ministry as the autumn term begins.

Flower Rota



Thanks to Anne Lavery for co-ordinating the flower rota. If you would be willing to provide flowers for the church—please speak to Anne. The full list is on the notice-board in the church porch.

June .

4th - Mrs E. Haddock
11th - Mrs G. Lavery
18th / 25th / 29th - available

July

2nd - available
9th - Mrs I. Culbert
16th / 23rd / 30th - available

August

6th - Mrs A. Hendron
13th - available
20th - Mrs I. Watson
27th - available

September

3rd - Mrs S. Murray
10th - available
17th - Mrs E. Briggs
24th - available

Organ Centenary & 'The Soldiers of Soldierstown'

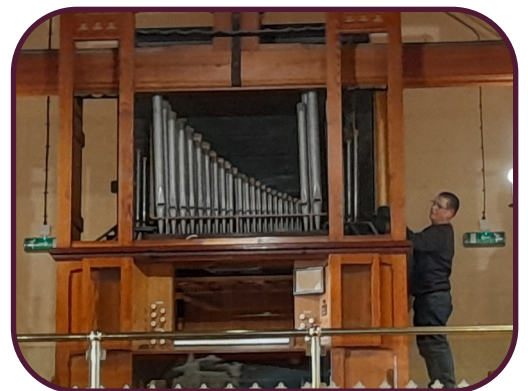
On Saturday 1st July, we will mark the centenary of our parish organ with a day of music by various organists. As well as our own Vivien McCullough & Stephen Thompson, about 12 other organists will play during the course of the day.

In addition to the organ music, the event will include a display of information about the 'Soldiers of Soldierstown' to whom the organ is dedicated. Visitors are invited to drop in at any time during the day - to view the display and to enjoy the music. Refreshments will also be available throughout.

**Saturday 1st July, 9am - 5pm
All welcome - just drop in.**

Our 2-manual pipe organ was built by Evans & Barr Ltd - a firm of organ builders established in Belfast in 1903, which continued until 1963. The organ was installed in the west gallery of Holy Trinity Church in June 1922 and dedicated to the memory of the men of the parish who gave their lives in the Great War, and also to those who served. We were unable to mark the centenary at the appropriate time last year due to the closure of the church for restoration work.

The organ has recently been restored by Jim Stewart of Wells Kennedy Ltd. The restoration work involved the cleaning of the organ, some tonal alterations and the addition of a new balanced swell pedal; and was made possible thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor. The refurbishment of the organ has greatly enhanced our worship - and our Sunday congregation are delighted to have the organ sounding its best again.



Preparing to re-open the church



Thanks to Martin (Joiner, left) and Robert (Builder, 2nd right) and all the workers from J.S.Dunlop Ltd who worked on the restoration of the church.

Some things had to be taken out of storage; including the rector!



Books were dusted; cushions were vacuumed before everything was replaced - and the church was given a thorough clean and tidy up.



We even tried out a couple of new preachers.



Thank you to all who helped with the preparations for re-opening Holy Trinity Church!





Service of Re-dedication - 26th March 2023



Following two years of closure due to the pandemic and the restoration work, Holy Trinity Church was re-opened, and a special service of re-dedication held on Sunday 26th March 2023.



The church was re-dedicated by Bishop David McClay; pictured right, with Rev Paul McAdam (rector), June Todd (Parish Reader) and Canon Charlie Leeke.



Thank you and well done to all the members of the Select Vestry (left) and to everyone who helped organise this weekend of celebration. We are also grateful to anyone who has played a part in any aspect of the restoration; and thank you, in anticipation of your continued involvement in the on-going Heritage Project.

Pictured above - the Select Vestry at the time of the church re-opening.

Pictured right - the choir continue to lead our worship and singing well from a new position in the front pews.





Left: The first event held in the church was a concert by Kerygma (The Good News Choir)



Right: Soldierstown Tots ended their year with a party; lots of food & fun for children and adults alike!

Left: Simon Walker was the speaker at our latest Heritage evening - 'Soldierstown: a Caroline Church'




Below: Mothers Union made fidget blankets for the residents of Lakeview Nursing Home.



Lots of help was on-hand for planting the 'Coronation Beech' in the rectory garden; alongside the 'Jubilee Beech' planted last year





Heritage Festival

History, Flowers, Costumes

13th - 15th October 2023

Please put this date in your diary and plan to be involved.

A celebration of all aspects of the heritage of our wonderful Parish;
Involving the whole Parish, we hope, and including everything
from flowers, to food, to farming, to the fashions
worn by our ancestors.

Focusing on our close relationship with
the Broadwater and The Lagan Navigation.

Planning meetings are on the last Tuesday of each month;
if you can help us plan for this this event
and other aspects of our Heritage Project,
you would be very welcome to join us.

Help is needed now and everyone will be needed at the time!

We currently need volunteers who could research
old photographs and maps of the area,
as well as historic census information.

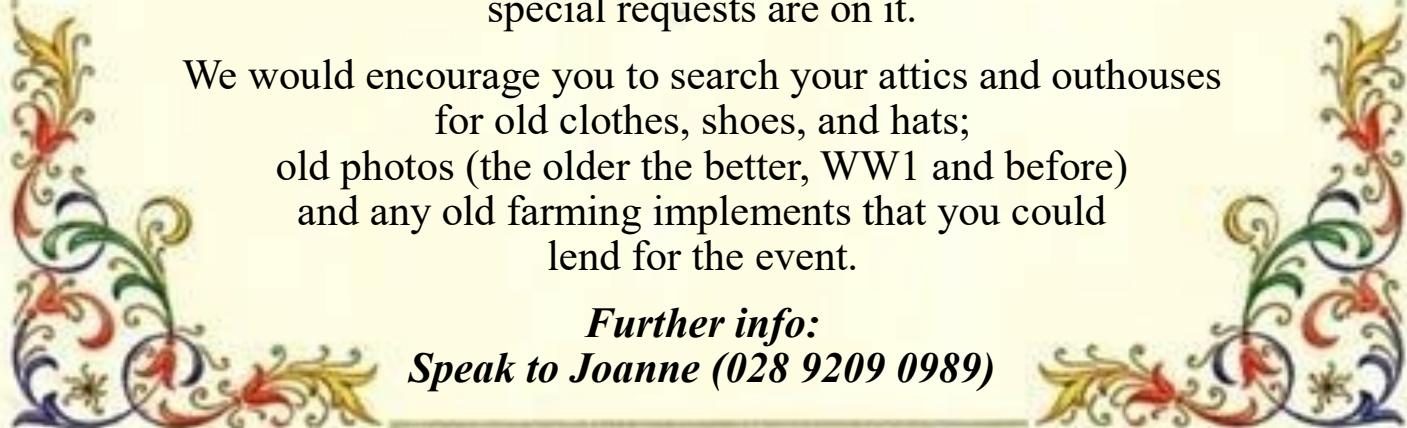
We're also looking for people who may be gifted at making scale models;
or who have a keen eye for planning and design details.

Closer to the time and on the weekend itself,
volunteers will also be needed to help with catering,
setting up, stewarding, etc.

Joanne is looking for vintage clothes or items of interest.
A board is at the back of the church and
special requests are on it.

We would encourage you to search your attics and outhouses
for old clothes, shoes, and hats;
old photos (the older the better, WW1 and before)
and any old farming implements that you could
lend for the event.

Further info:
Speak to Joanne (028 9209 0989)



Holy Land Tour 2024



Departing Tues 12th Nov 2024 - 9days/8nights - Cost £2495 per person sharing

We are now taking bookings for a visit to the Holy Land in November 2024 - travelling with Faith & Culture Tours (Thompson Travel, Portadown). The tour will depart on Tues 12th Nov 2024 (tbc once flight schedules are available), for 9days/8 nights; cost £2495 per person sharing. Accommodation will be in 4* hotels, on a half-board basis.

The tour will be led by Rev Paul McAdam and Archdeacon Paul Dundas

Starting with 3 nights in the Galilee region, during which time we will visit Nazareth (Jesus childhood home), Capernaum (where Jesus and his disciples lived); the Mount of Beatitudes and other sites associated with Jesus lakeside ministry - also, sail on the Sea of Galilee.

Then travelling through the Jordan valley, visiting a baptismal site on the River Jordan, before spending 5 nights in Jerusalem - during which we plan to visit Bethlehem, the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, the possible sites of the crucifixion and resurrection, the Holocaust museum and the Western Wall of the ancient temple.

A draft itinerary and booking form is available in the church porch or from Rev Paul.

If you missed the event at Soldierstown, another **Information Evening** will be held in **Christchurch, Lisburn** on **Tues 20th June, at 7:30pm**
All welcome.

Annual General Vestry

At the meeting held on Tuesday, 18th April 2023, the Select Vestry was elected as follows:

Church-wardens: John Watson (Rector's) & Joy Frazer (People's). Glebe-wardens: Noel Murray (Rector's) & Donald Frazer (People's); plus 12 elected members - Norman McAlister (secretary); Elizabeth Reid (treasurer); Tom Bradley; Irene Culbert; Larry Donaghey; Roy Hanna; Jennifer Martin; Jackie Montgomery; Stephen Montgomery; Gavin Murray; Sylvia Thompson; David Twigg

Maintenance of Graves

The Select Vestry wish to remind everyone that maintenance of individual graves is the responsibility of the family concerned. We would further remind you that it is essential to abide by the District Council's recycling policy. Please dispose of dead flowers / spoilt wreaths etc in the correct coloured bin - see the notice clearly displayed beside the bins at the church gate.



Thank you for your co-operation!